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CUTS HIS THROAT

State Treasurer Kennedy of New York Commits Suicide.

Had Been Subpoenaed to Testify in Graft Investigation.

HAD A TICKET FOR ALBANY

His Accounts, Examined Recently, Found All Right.

Legislature Will Be Called Upon to Elect Successor.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 16.—John J. Kennedy, state treasurer, committed suicide shortly after noon Sunday at a hotel where he had lived with his family for about a year. He was found in a small lavatory, off the hotel bathroom, with an open razor on the floor beside him. His jugular vein had been severed and death occurred before a doctor arrived.

Temporary insanity induced by worry over his impending appearance before a New York jury, where District Attorney Charles S. Whitman has been conducting a John Doe graft inquiry, is said by his attorney, Michael P. Drainburger, Jr., to be the only reason that can be assigned for Mr. Kennedy's act.

Just before leaving Albany last Friday Mr. Kennedy was served with a subpoena to appear at the inquiry today.

A sleeper ticket for a train leaving here for New York at 8 o'clock last night was found in Mr. Kennedy's pocket. Mr. Kennedy appeared to be in excellent spirits Saturday and Sunday. Saturday evening he attended a dance in the hotel ball room.

He attended mass with his son, William Kennedy, Sunday morning.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Expert accountants today began an examination of the books of State Treasurer John J. Kennedy, who committed suicide yesterday.

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FIGURES CHALLENGED.

Committee Will Investigate Reports Regarding Number Out of Work.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Federal investigation of the unemployment problem by the industrial relations committee will be a speedy one and will cover all the large eastern cities from New York to Kansas City. President Wilson today expressed the belief that Chairman Frank P. Walsh had based his estimate of 350,000 men out of work in New York City alone upon current reports and not upon any investigation by the commission. The president added the figures had been challenged.

Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, the resident commissioner, issued a statement today pointing out that this was the time of year at which reports that conditions were bleak and the unemployment problem was rapidly growing more encouraging.

"Any one who fails to realize that conditions are about the same in the labor market now as they are at this season each year," said Mrs. Harriman today, "is either ignorant of conditions or is inept."

TO KEEP HIS CABINET.

The President Will Not Let Any Member Get Away.

Washington, Feb. 16.—President Wilson today at rest reported that Secretary Houston would be made a member of the federal reserve board and, though he was not asked specifically about McAdoo and the United States senatorial race in New York, the emphasis which the president put on his desire to keep his cabinet intact was interpreted as an indication that his influence would be against drawing Mr. McAdoo into the New York situation. Recently the president asked Secretary Wilson to remain in the cabinet rather than to run for the United States senate in Pennsylvania.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS

Washington, Feb. 16.—Senate met at noon and adjourned at 12:45 p. m. Tuesday out of respect to the memory of the late Senator Bacon. House met at noon. Committee named to draft a new trade commission bill. Joint hearing begun by the rural credits committee. Louis D. Brandeis endorsed President Wilson's trust policy before the judiciary committee.

The army appropriation bill aggregating \$24,000,000 as reported today is \$10,733,585 under the estimates and \$27,000 below the current army appropriation. The signal service gets \$500,000, including a maximum of \$250,000 for airplane.

Parls, Feb. 16.—The announcement is made, by the Society of Biology, that the vermiform appendix is a useful organ and performs an important function in the human body. Professor Savini in a recent experiment, gave a patient an injection of a minute quantity of dried powder from the appendix, with the result that the work of the stomach organs was greatly improved within half an hour.

Weather Forecast for Kansas.

Fair tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperature.

GORE'S OWN TALE

Senator Takes the Stand in His Own Defense.

Denies All Charges Made in Mrs. Bond's Complaint.

TELLS HOW HE WAS ENTRAPPED

His Visit to Hotel Followed Repeated Telephone Calls.

Says Plaintiff Grabbed Him as He Started to Leave.

Oklahoma City, Feb. 16.—Political opposition today was held responsible by Thomas P. Gore, United States senator from Oklahoma, for the damage suit for \$50,000 filed against him by Mrs. Minnie E. Bond, who alleges that the senator attacked her in a Washington hotel. Senator Gore took the witness stand in his own behalf today. He denied making an attack on Mrs. Bond and said he believed the charge to have been made to injure him in his campaign for renomination as the Democratic candidate for the senate.

Senator Gore took the stand at the opening of court this morning. He said he was born in Mississippi forty-three years ago.

"Are you totally blind?" he was asked.

"I am."

"How long have you been blind?"

"Since I was eleven years old."

"When did you first meet Mrs. Bond?"

"In January, 1913. She told me her husband was an applicant for internal revenue collector for Oklahoma and asked for my support."

"Who introduced her to you?"

"I cannot now remember."

"What did you say to her?"

"I told her I was already committed to another man."

Gave Her No Encouragement.

"Did you at any time give her any

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TO ADJOURN JUNE 15.

That Is the Plan of Democrat Leaders in Congress.

Washington, Feb. 16.—June 15 is the date Democratic leaders hope to adjourn congress. President Wilson believes the senate and house may work at the same time on the trust bills. He told callers today that business men were now showing a greater interest in the new legislation and in many cases it was a very helpful interest. That interest, however, is not so active as he had expected and he attributes that to the fact that business men have discounted the character of legislation and the measures in a general way meet their approval.

The president incidentally remarked today that many objections to the publicity features of the trade commission bill were based on a misconception of what the bureau corporations already could do by present statutes. The president sees little difference in the interstate trade commission and the present bureau of corporations, which will be merely enlarged by the forthcoming legislation. It already has broad powers of inquiry. The president looks for early action on the measures.

BLIND SENATOR'S WIFE SCOFFS AT TALE HE MADE VIOLENT LOVE TO ANOTHER



Senator and Mrs. Thomas P. Gore.

Mrs. Thomas P. Gore, wife of the blind senator from Oklahoma who is being sued by a woman who claims that Gore made violent love to her, scoffs at the idea that her husband could have made such love to an unwilling woman, even if he had wanted to. And she doesn't believe he ever wanted to. Gore says the whole affair is a frame-up; that the plaintiff and her husband are in league with his political enemies.

WEEK OF GOOD WEATHER

There May Be Some Snow or Rain About Friday.

Washington, Feb. 16.—All sections of the country except the Pacific slope will be fast in Jack Frost's grasp until after Tuesday, according to the weather bureau. There will be a change to higher temperatures the middle of the week. On the Pacific slope, the weekly bulletin said, "temperatures will average near or above the normal during the week. East of the Rocky mountains the weather will be fair during the next several days, except that local snows are probable during Monday and Tuesday over the Great Lakes, the upper Ohio valley, and the north Atlantic states."

The next storm of importance to cross the United States will appear on the north Pacific coast Tuesday and it will cause general rains in the Pacific states during the following several days. This storm will cross the great central valleys Thursday or Friday and the eastern states near the end of the week; this disturbance will be preceded by a general change to warmer weather east of the Rocky mountains and it will be attended by snow in the northern and probably rains in the southern states. There are no indications that this disturbance will be followed by a cold wave.

NEEDS WARM WEATHER

New York Would Save Much Money Through Rise in Temperature.

New York, Feb. 16.—With 16,000 shovellers and drivers working constantly, since Sunday morning, scarcely a start has been made toward moving the mass of snow under which New York is buried. In Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx there are 300 miles of streets covered by the snow removal schedule and with every available man and team engaged in the work, only about an inch a day can be removed. According to the weather bureau, 7 inches of snow fell, which means it will take at least ten days, unless it becomes warmer and a thaw assists in the work.

A rise in the temperature, in addition to helping the street cleaning department, in a physical way, would save the city thousands of dollars, it being estimated that every inch of snow costs \$50,000. With continued cold weather the total cost of the recent snow storm will reach half a million dollars or more.

Snow continued to fall over greater New York and environs today, adding to the layer of nearly ten inches, which fell during Saturday's blizzard. The temperature at 9 a. m. was 17 degrees above zero.

POLITICAL GOSSIP

H. C. Sticher of Osage Jumps to Democrats.

Had Been Republican and Bull Moose.

HE TESTIFIED AT EMPORIA

During Democratic Banquet on "Founders' Day."

Charles Scott on the Allen Nomination.

Henry C. Sticher, editor of the Osage City Free Press, has looked over the political situation in Kansas, taken due note of the certainty of a three cornered fight in the coming campaign and has announced that he is a Democrat and quite proud of it. It is at least the third conversion and political baptism of the Osage City editor in less than eight years, and each time Sticher has been found in the midst of the crowd in popular favor in the political game.

Some six years ago Sticher went to Alma to edit the Signal. He had been a rather faithful Republican up to that particular time. But the Stubbs-Bristow-Jackson crusade was at high tide at that time and Sticher was one of the most faithful of the Stubbs followers. Then Sticher went to Belleville and was for two years associated with A. Q. Miller, a determined and constant old line Republican. Sticher's political connections in Republic county were such that he was recognized by R. R. Rees and was named as the fifth district congressman's private secretary.

Later Sticher moved to Osage City. He consolidated the two papers in the town in time to assume the Osage county leadership in the Armageddon fight of 1912. He was in the inner

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HE MUST PAY \$65,000

British M. P. Voted While His Firm Held Government Contract.

London, Feb. 16.—Sir Stuart Montague Samuel, radical member of parliament for Whitechapel, was today ordered by Justice Sir Sydney Rowlatt, of the King's bench division, to pay penalties and costs, amounting to \$65,000, because he voted in the house of commons while his firm had a contract with the British government. The money will be paid to Dr. William Bird as informer.

This was the third suit brought against Sir Stuart Samuel, under the law which gives any informer the right to claim penalties, under similar circumstances. The first two suits were dismissed on technicalities. Sir Stuart Samuel, who is a leading banker, was compelled to vacate his seat in parliament, by order of the judicial committee of the privy council last year because the firm to which he belonged had become purchasers of silver for the Indian government.

The act of parliament under which he was condemned today says that a member of the house of commons may not be even indirectly interested in any government contracts. After vacating his seat in parliament, Sir Stuart Samuel was re-elected. He today gave notice of appeal from the judge's decision.

AFTER 16 YEARS

The Destruction of the Maine Is Commemorated

With Impressive Ceremonies at Arlington Cemetery.

A BOAT LADEN WITH FLOWERS

Is Set Adrift on the Bosom of the Potomac.

Exercises Close With Sounding of Taps by Buglers.

Washington, Feb. 16.—An imposing street demonstration, followed by impressive ceremonies in the Cavalry Riding hall at Fort Myer, marked the commemoration here today of the sinking of the U. S. battleship Maine in Havana harbor, that historic event which startled the whole world and fanned into flame a war fever culminating in the Spanish-American war. Because of the high, cold winds and the drifting snow the memorial service, instead of being held in the cemetery grounds was held inside the Cavalry Riding hall. The remainder of the program was carried out, however, as previously arranged.

Although sixteen years have passed since that day in February, 1898, when the Maine was literally torn to pieces and 260 of her officers and crew perished, yet each year seems to bring added veneration for those who lost their lives in the explosion. Today's exercises, while centering about the graves of the Maine heroes, took on, however, a larger significance in including all those of the land or sea forces who had sacrificed themselves in the line of patriotic duty. Large bodies of cavalry, artillery, sailors and marines began assembling

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PREMIUM GIVING.

"Actions speak louder than words."

It is related that a man who did not always do as he preached replied: "Do what I say not what I do."

The Topeka Capital is conducting a campaign against gift schemes, premium offers and trading stamps, yet it continues to be a party to gift schemes and to give premiums. Here is what it says: "The bolt of cloth, the pair of boots, the skin of silk, which is honestly what it pretends to be and which is offered the shopper at a fair price needs bring no bribe with it to find a purchaser. This truth is so universally recognized that experienced buyers are always suspicious—and justly so—of gift schemes, of premium offers, of trading stamps, and of any and every cunningly devised plan which seeks to persuade the buyer that she is getting something for nothing."

"You can't get something for nothing. You pay for what they give you."

But, the paper continues to give away premiums, teaspoons, to its subscribers.

FIRE A BIG GUN

Sufragettes Shoot Off a Cannon Taken From Russia.

It Had Stood in City Park for 60 Years.

Blackburn, Eng., Feb. 16.—Militant suffragettes, early today, fired a huge cannon, captured from the Russians in one of the battles of the Crimean war. For 60 years it had stood silent, as an ornament in the city park. The whole city was shaken by the explosion and people flocked into the streets in the darkness, fearing a mine disaster had occurred in the neighborhood. It was not until daylight that the cause of the explosion was discovered. In the vicinity, attached to a tree, floated a long strip of calico, inscribed "Wake up, Blackburn. The labor party, which claims to stand for justice and freedom, supports a government that tortures women under the infamous 'cat and mouse' act."

The idea of the militants was to rouse the cotton workers of the city to support their propaganda.

THE BETTS ESTATE.

Develops in Probate Court That It Is Insolvent.

A claim hearing this afternoon in the probate court brought to light the fact that the estate of J. B. Betts, rated during his lifetime as one of Topeka's wealthy citizens, is insolvent. A few years ago Mr. Betts bought property in Governor's square, and erected on Buchanan street one of the handsomest houses in town.

An inventory of the Betts estate, as filed in the office of the probate court, gives the total value of the property at \$3,197. Twenty-five claims to the amount of \$5,000 will be presented for settlement this afternoon.

It was understood that there was some question as to the insolvency of the estate. E. D. McKeever, the Betts attorney, admitted today that the contractor left liabilities greater than his assets.

The largest claim on the list for hearing today will be presented by the Capital Iron Works company, who filed bill for \$1,850. Statements have been filed by various doctors, merchants and contractors. The Mills company claims unpaid bill of \$171. Mt. Auburn Cemetery company \$383. Crosby Bros. \$481, and the Kansas and Missouri Telephone company \$21.

ARE ALARMED

Adjutant Generals Fear Volunteer Army Legislation.

Say It Would Disrupt State Militia Companies.

KANSAS HAS A NEW FAD

Its Towns Are Asking Congress for Many Obsolete Cannon.

Phil Campbell Won Honors on Trip to Albany.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Feeling that the passage of the Hay bill, providing for the formation of a volunteer army in case of war, would disrupt the national guard of the several states unless amended in the senate, was demonstrated at the meeting of the adjutants general of over 20 states, held to confer with the executive committee of the national association in this city. The meeting was presided over by Adjutant General C. I. Martin of Kansas.

The trouble found in the bill, which has already passed the house, is in fact that in case of war the militia would only be able to volunteer as individuals, and its members would have no prior right of enlistment.

The national guard officers present urged that an amendment should be made which would provide that the national guard be given a prior right to enlist as organizations, and that the officers should be appointed from their ranks. They opposed the provision of the Hay bill which provides for the appointment of four regular army officers for each volunteer regiment.

Kansas has gone daffy on urging Uncle Sam to give its various cities

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BACK AT HIS DESK.

The President Takes Up Defense of His Peruvian Policy.

Washington, Feb. 16.—President Wilson was back at his desk today, somewhat hoarse, but apparently recovered from the cold which kept him in bed last week. The president told callers he was feeling much better. He spent most of the day on routine business.

Recognition by the United States of the present administration in Peru, as a provisional government, is in conformity with the Latin-American policy of the Washington conference. The view of President Wilson as set forth to callers today. The president regards the circumstances in Peru as distinctly different from those which caused the United States to withhold recognition from the Huerta government in Mexico. He let it be known that the process of setting up the new government in Peru was constitutional in every way, according to official reports here.

He was advised that President Billimant had absconded with the duties of his office unconstitutionally. Also the congress of Peru, the supreme court and all the constitutional authorities in the country had approved of the overthrow of Billinghurst, so that President Wilson believes there was a clear constitutional process involved. Even the show of force with the approval of congress, according to the version which reached President Wilson and the whole government that was set up appears to reflect the wishes, not only of the constitutional parts of the government, but the people.

President Wilson has not yet learned all the details of the Haitian situation and will await further developments before announcing the policy of this government toward the new regime there.

The president denied reports that South America looked with apprehension at the administration's Latin-American policy. He emphasized his belief that they would support it.

NO COMPLAINT TODAY

Weather Is Ideal; Tuesday Will Be Day of Sunshine.

Not even the chronic kicker could find any fault with the weather today. It was everything that could be desired at this time of year—bright and bracing. The temperature has been a shade below normal for this date. The weather man has promised plenty of sunshine for Tuesday with a slight rise in temperature. The shipper's forecast reads: "Protect 26 hour shipments north against temperature of 10 to 15 degrees; east 15 to 20 degrees; west and south, 25 to 30 degrees." This indicated that the minimum temperature at Topeka Tuesday will be about 25 degrees.

A year ago today the maximum temperature was sixty-eight degrees; in 1902 the minimum temperature for Feb. 16 was nine degrees below zero. The temperature today is a happy medium between the two extremes. At two o'clock this afternoon the wind was ten miles an hour from the south.

The hourly readings:

7 o'clock 19 11 o'clock 25
8 o'clock 20 12 o'clock 3
9 o'clock 21 1 o'clock 32
10 o'clock 25 2 o'clock 34
11 o'clock 28 3 o'clock 36

FLEET OF 10 WARSHIPS

United States Naval Representation at Vera Cruz Is Growing.

Vera Cruz, Feb. 15.—The United States battleships Utah, Delaware and Florida arrived here today, bringing up the strength of the American fleet, lying off the port, to ten battleships.

OPPORTUNITY DOESN'T COME LIKE AN ANGEL



Opportunity knocks at every man's door, but don't expect to find upon the step an angel proffering a magic wand, a wave of which will bring you fame and riches. It is the chance for hard work and application that Opportunity most often brings, and do not shut the door upon it to wait for a magic pass to success.